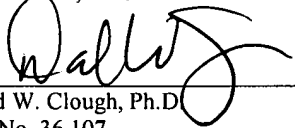




PATENT

Attorney Docket Number 06225.0003.CPUS02

IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Gilchrest et al.	)	Certificate of Mailing
)	
Appln. No.:	09/540,843	)	I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with
		)	the United States Postal Service as first class mail,
Filed:	March 31, 2000	)	postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail
		)	Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box
For:	Use of Locally Applied	)	1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
	DNA Fragments)	
		)	December 12, 2005
Group Art Unit:	1635)	
		)	David W. Clough, Ph.D.
Examiner:	Brian A. Whiteman	)	Reg. No. 36,107
		)	Attorney for Applicants
)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 24, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is accompanied by a petition for one month extension of time and an appropriate fee as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) (1).